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Title : **STOCK/TRANSFER VESSEL FOR
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE**
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In the Office Action dated April 11, 2003, a Restriction Requirement divides the application into the following two Groups:

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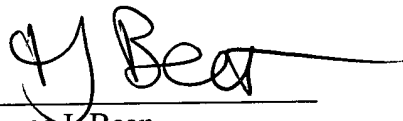
Group I: claims 1, 2, 5 and 7, drawn to a semiconductor substrate stock/transfer vessel, (class 118, subclass 719); and

Group II: claims 10 – 12 and 15 - 17, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor devices (class 438).

According to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, comprising claims 1, 2, 5 and 7, without traverse. Applicant reserves his right to file a divisional application relating to the claims of Groups II at a later date.

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Respectfully submitted,

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